

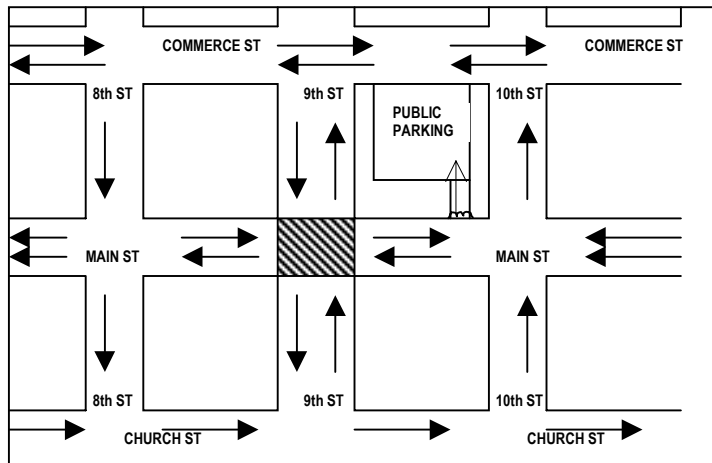
A NEWSLETTER ABOUT DOWNTOWN CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS – PUBLISHED BY THE CITY OF LYNCHBURG

## Lynchburg's Ninth Street Improvement Project, Phase II Goes to Bid

Lynchburg's Department of Engineering has bid the next phase of the Ninth Street renovation project. A decision on the winning bid will be made soon. Construction is expected to get underway as soon as the bid is awarded.

Ninth Street between Commerce and Main will continue to be closed during this period, and the intersection of Ninth and Main is expected to close by early September for up to 42 days. However, an incentive to encourage alternate methods to closing the intersection (or at least shortening the duration of the closure) was added to the bid request.

In addition, it is possible that the City will not have to close both lanes of the intersection of Ninth and Church Streets. The intersection of Ninth and Jefferson is expected to reopen to all traffic by mid June. The entire Ninth Street Improvement Project is expected to be complete by May 2004.



During the closure of the Main & 9<sup>th</sup> Streets intersection, traffic will be two-way in the 900 block of Main. The City parking deck will be open (behind the former Spanky's building) and traffic coming out of the parking deck will turn left on Main then left on 10<sup>th</sup> Street to exit. The Wachovia parking deck will be accessed in a similar fashion, however, to enter the parking deck, traffic will proceed up 8<sup>th</sup> Street, then turn left. Traffic exiting the deck will not change, except that it will stay in the right lane.



## Human Services Now Open Downtown

Lynchburg's Department of Human Services and Division of Social Services is now open for business in their newly remodeled downtown office. This \$8.4 million dollar adaptive reuse construction project of the J.W.Ould building now houses nearly 170 employees. The dedication and open house event is scheduled for August 2003. The public is invited to attend.

## The Big Dig



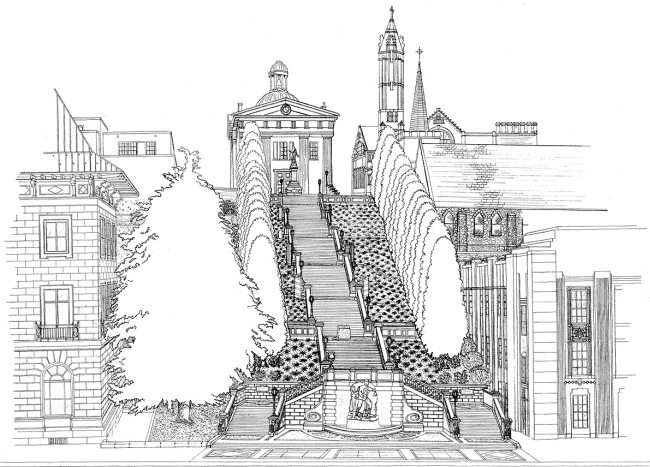
The City of Lynchburg's Department of Communications and Marketing in coordination with Lynch's Landing is planning an event to coincide with the closing of the Main & 9<sup>th</sup> Streets intersection.

This event is intended to promote downtown and to show that "If it's happening, it's still happening downtown!" Plans include creating a festival/carnival atmosphere, closing a block of Main to allow for sidewalk/street cafes and sidewalk sales, and providing some urban archeology education.

## A Monumental Restoration

Officially named in 1924, Monument Terrace's spectacular series of steps, plazas, war memorials, and terraces ascend the bluff between Church and Court Streets and is one of the most recognizable landmarks in Lynchburg. As the focal point along the City's Ninth Street Corridor, its rehabilitation is a vital component of Lynchburg's downtown revitalization efforts and constant reminder of the brave Lynchburg citizens that fought and died in service to their country.

The City of Lynchburg has generously committed \$1.9 million to this \$2.2 million restoration project. A fund raising campaign is underway to raise the remaining \$300,000. You can help support the efforts to protect this historic landmark for future generations. Your donation is tax deductible and checks may be made payable to: Lynch's Landing Foundation – Monument Terrace Project.



### ATTENTION: PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC ON MONUMENT TERRACE

Construction either has begun by the time you read this or soon thereafter. As soon as construction begins, the steps will be closed to all pedestrian traffic for the duration of construction, which is projected to be one year.

In order to gain access to the Clerk's Office, temporary steps will be built for employees and citizens to use. All other pedestrian traffic will need to use the steps located on Eighth Street or Tenth Street, or you can use the City's public elevator located next to the court buildings. Please note that the elevator is operational only between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Free GLTC Trolley service is also available for the Downtown area.

## Bits & Pieces

- **Riverviews Artspace** – Occupancy is scheduled for early September.
- **Court House Museum Rehabilitation** – Bid advertisement canceled. Currently assessing historic tax credits. Selective demolition to take place in June. Re-advertise bids in July with construction to start in October and go through May, 2004.
- **Federal Courthouse** – Deal is complete with Housing and Redevelopment Authority. Construction will begin this summer. The Authority hopes to move into their newly renovated office on Commerce Street this summer.
- **Bluff Walk** – Interior demolition has begun.
- **Riverfront Festival Park** – Final grading just completed; sod will be placed next and after several months full event/foot traffic can use this area.
- **Point of Honor Bridge** – A 100-foot bridge will connect the Blackwater Creek trail and the Cabell Street cul-de-sac. Survey and design plans have been completed and are in review by VDOT. Construction expected to be complete in 2003.
- **Main Street Sidewalk** – The sidewalk on Main Street between 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Streets is undergoing a facelift. Bricks are being laid in place of the traditional gray concrete and new trees are to be planted.

## You're Invited! Lynch's Landing Quarterly Forum

On Tuesday, June 24 at 5:30 p.m. Lynch's Landing will host the next Quaterly Forum for downtown merchants and businesses at Holiday Inn Select. Staff from the City of Lynchburg will be present to discuss downtown construction projects and the timelines for street closures. Please RSVP by Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup> to Terri Proffitt of Lynch's Landing at 528-3950.

## For More Information...

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